

REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 09/845,390 filed on April 30, 2001. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-11, 14-16 and 18-20 are rejected.

Allowable Claims

Claims 2, 12, 13 and 17 are objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended the claims into allowable form.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 3-11, 14-16, 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Pavley (U.S. Patent No. 6,445,460) in view of Anderson et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,177,956). Applicant has canceled Claims 1 and 16, and amended Claims 3-5 and 18 without prejudice. Remaining Claims 3-11 and 14-15, as amended, are allowable at least on the basis of depending from allowable Claim 2 either directly or indirectly.

Applicant has amended Claim 18 to include limitations corresponding to those of Claim 2 which have been indicated to be allowable. Accordingly, applicant believes Claim 18 and Claims 19-20 which depend from Claim 18 are allowable as amended.

CONCLUSION

The application, including all remaining Claims 2-15 and 18-20, is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

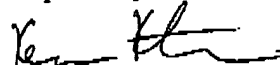
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